UC Berkeley Heavy Ion Group









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Who we are

- Professor Barbara Jacak (also at LBNL)
- 2 postdocs
 Miguel Arratia (UCB), Yue Shi Lai (officially at LBNL)
- 4 Ph.D. students
 Joanna Szornel, Fernando Torales-Acosta, Dhruv Dixit, Alwina Liu
- 3-4 Undergrads
 Currently Ivan Velkovsky, Winston DeGraw, Jackson Van Dyke

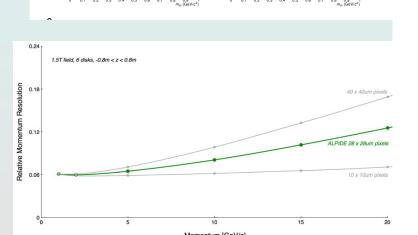
 Research program in the ALICE Collaboration
- Analysis of gamma-hadron correlations (led by Lai)
 Calibration of EMCAL, photon ID development,...
- Participate in construction of ITS upgrade with LBNL
 Main activity for Arratia, Szornel, and Torales-Acosta
- Conceptual design of EIC forward tracker (Velkovsky, Jacak)

We collaborate closely with RNC group

ITS upgrade construction
 Beam tests of ALPIDE sensor prototypes at 88" cyclotron
 Power distribution board design and testing
 Will soon be testing sensor modules and staves

Analysis activities
 Optimize EMCAL + DCAL for physics in Run-2
 Direct photon measurement in EMCAL

EIC detector conceptual design
 And developing the physics case
 ... probe properties of cold, dense gluonic matter
 Evolution of sPHENIX to ePHENIX



Interests in sPHENIX

Physics

Temperature dependence of plasma-parton interactions

Currently looking at energy deposition and medium response at both RHIC and LHC

sPHENIX and ALICE ITS will allow study of b quark energy loss (and flow?) at both RHIC and LHC

Hardware

Collaborate with LBNL RNC group to apply knowledge from ALICE ITS upgrade to sPHENIX MAPS tracker

Stave assembly & testing activities, monitoring, software are obvious candidates for us, but we will collaborate in other work as manpower & ALICE commitments allow

Computing?

CORI at NERSC an interesting resource for the future
Big data at HPC facility